Acting Graduate Teachers.

42. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the acting graduate teachers with more than seven years' acting service in the Education Department still acting in temporary vacancies;

(*b*) whether, in confirming acting teachers or in appointing them in permanent vacancies, the duration of the acting period and the date of first entertainment are taken into consideration; and

(*c*) whether any acting teacher with shorter service than those referred to in part (*a*) has been confirmed or appointed in permanent vacancies, and, if so, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise, in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to answer to part (*a*) may I know the names of the acting graduate teachers with more than seven years' acting service and who are still acting in temporary vacancies?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There are about 20 names.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to part (*b*) may I know whether there is any other standard adopted for the purpose of confirmation other than the date of first entertainment and the duration of the acting period?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The fact is that by the application of several principles a seniority list has been prepared in the department. Appointments are made in permanent vacancies in accordance with the rank in the seniority list.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether in fixing the seniority list the date of first entertainment and the total acting service of the particular incumbent are considered.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I shall read to the member the rules regarding the preparation of the seniority list if that will satisfy him. The following principles have been followed with the approval of Government in the preparation of the seniority list:—

(1) Date of first appointment to the second grade;

(2) Date of first appointment as acting graduate teacher or date of graduation while in continuous service whichever is earlier;

(3) Graduates who have not substantive posts but who are acting in graduate scale and who hold permanent places on non-graduate scales, and so on. In accordance with these principles the seniority list has been prepared.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I wish to know whether when persons who have been entertained in the same grade with the same qualifications are to be confirmed the date of first entertainment is to prevail?

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MR. C. V. CHANDARASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

The Karipoor Trace.

43. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to question No. 42 at the Eighth Session of the Assembly, answered on the 29th July 1936, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles road alone out of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles distance been completed and the remaining 2 miles are left incomplete;

(*b*) whether the investigation for the completion of the remaining 2 miles that was said to be in progress was completed;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what is the amount of expenditure to execute the work; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why delay is caused in completing the investigation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) This portion demanded preference as the people sought accommodation on both sides of it.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) About Rs. 5,400.

(*d*) This does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know when the investigation was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government why the work was not expedited after the investigation was over?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Due to shortage of funds.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether they intend executing the work at any time?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): That is a question of future action.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the construction of the bridge on that road has been completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, before my question was completed the Government member said "No"

PRESIDENT: The honourable member may repeat the question more slowly and wait for the answer.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the bridge that existed in the portion of one and a half miles that was completed has been removed from there?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The bridge was of cocoanut post erected for the convenience of the coolies engaged in constructing the road. That bridge has decayed and fallen down. An estimate has now been sanctioned for the construction of a permanent bridge there.

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